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March 12 Left Washington 7:05 PM  
for Harrisburg, Pa., and arrived 10:20 PM  
13th Staid at Strand Hotel & in morning  
Went to Game department where I  
saw John J. Glanville, M. K. Sutton,  
Leo Lutteringer, & A. L. Baskin.

At 10 AM started for  
Cherfield Co. with Lutteringers  
and Dr. Feitz of Penn. Animal  
Industry to study conditions of  
dying deer around Refuge 2.

Arrived Cherfield 4 PM  
and at the Refuge about 7 miles  
from Cherfield. - W. W.

Raining at Cherfield and  
thence to refuge and all night.  
Warm and pleasant in the valley.

March  
April 14, at Refuge No. 2,  
Rained slowly & fog all night and  
all day till 4 P.M.  
Warm and wet but snow going off  
fast, about 4 inches deep in woods  
and bare gravel on warm slopes in  
open.

Near refuge, dead dus pond,  
March 14, 1929  
Female ♂, large, <sup>very poor</sup> weight 50 lbs  
a few lice

Measurements, 58; 10.75; 2.05 in.

Skinned & photographed naked

Stomach 6, contents 5, hay laurel, 1/2

white pine, 1/2, hickory 1/2

Female ♂, small, very poor, 35 lbs  
very lousy

Stomach 5, contents 4, laurel 15,

pine & hickory rather 1/2, 25,

Female ♀, small, very poor, 34 lbs  
lousy

Stomach 5, contents 4, laurel 25,

blueberry 25, other browse 50, in 1/2

March 14,  
Stony Creek near point in survey

Tawn ♂ very poor 44 lbs

6 lbs liver,

Stomach 7, contents 4, half laurel, half brown,  
largely humlock, smaller & type of humlock.

Tawn ♀ very poor 42 lbs

lots of liver

Stomach 6, contents 5, contents all brown,  
no laurel

Tawn ♂ very poor 40,

Lansay, water hole.

Tawn ♂ very poor 43 lbs

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Stomach 6, contents 5, 33 laurel, 33 humlock,  
32 pine & humlock.



head of stony Crak, near western  
 Town ♂ very poor 35 lbs  
 Some lousey  
 Stomach, 5, contents 4, half laurel, half browse.

Town ♀ very poor 36 lbs  
 Lousey lice, dressed & skinned 21,  
 Stomach, laurel 3/4, white pine, blackberry

Town ♂ very poor 44 lbs  
 Some lousey  
 Stomach not weighed, half full, half laurel  
 and half browse.

Town ♂ very poor 47 lbs  
 Lousey lice  
 Stomach 10, contents 9, half laurel,  
 half browse, spruce, pine, blackberry, white pine

Dead fawns  
Sent in to Commission before  
7 - 4 bucks & 3 does  
2 - 1 " 1 "  
9 - 4 bucks 5 does

March 14.  
On page no. 2  
Fawn small, estimated 32 lbs.  
Same body, very poor  
Stomach very full, about 9 lbs. 9/10 laurel leaves  
& little white pine needles & blueberry twigs  
Liver normal, heart normal,

March 15

No. 1. Crystal Springs  
Good form, ♂, very poor. 36

Lancey, stomach half full.

Stomach 5 lbs, contents 4 lbs.

$\frac{1}{3}$  laurel leaves,  $\frac{1}{3}$  spencer-pine,  $\frac{1}{3}$  sweet fern

Heart & liver & lungs ok.

No. 2, ♂, a few lice, very poor 37 lbs

Stomach half full, 5 lbs, contents 4 lbs

.8 laurel leaves, .2 browse,

No. 3, ♂, brachis, yellow, poor 45 lbs

little lancey, stomach half full, 7 lbs, contents 6 lbs

half laurel, half sweet fern & browse

No. 4, Blue point, ♀, partly eaten about 35 lbs  
Stomach full. half laurel, half sweet fern  
& sassafras & other leaves.  
not weighed -

No. 5 ♀, poor, few lbs 40 lbs  
Stomach 6 lbs, contents 5 lbs.  
half laurel, half leaves, sweet fern & sassafras  
& other leaves,

### Dead ones

10 males, all poor, long, apparently starved  
7 females " " " " "

17 deer seen alive in Crystal Springs valley.  
Staghorn amuck much skinned the deer.



March 14, Clayfield Co., Pa.

In two days we have found 17  
dead fawns, apparently starved.  
All weighed and examined &  
Cared.

Also saw 6 live deer the first  
day and 17 the second day,  
all looked thin but long haired  
and seemed to <sup>feel</sup> well. The  
snow has mostly gone and no  
more will die unless too far gone  
now.

Food is very much hoarded and  
very little available on the winter  
feed grounds. Fennel is much  
eaten and in places killed by hoarding.  
The mainly hoarded plants  
are as follows  
Fennel, leaves & twigs much hoarded  
Sagegrass, much hoarded, often killed  
Christmast " "

Oaks 3 sp. much browsed.

Sweet fern

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Blueberry

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Cherry

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Soft maple

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Hard maple

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Staghorn sumach

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ad pulled, trunk

Mountain ash

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trunk killed.

Ash

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dus line

Spruce

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Trunk killed

Wormy pine

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dus line

White pine

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Willow hazel

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J. M. Hassinger, Protector & Trapper  
Reedsville

Caught 11 beavers in two nights with  
2 traps.

Davis



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